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My Dear Oliver

You were very good to send me this precious specimen of Aster prenanthoides Lindl., and I was very bad and blameworthy for not finding out that I had it already. I hope that you will be able to get this comfortably back again into the place from which you cut it out to oblige me. And I will be careful not to call again without real need clearly ascertained.

Accept & give to Mrs. Oliver our best regards: we are very well, & she, I hope busy!

Sincerely Yr Asa Gray